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SUBJ: CIVAIR - LAKER SKYTRAIN

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1. KEMMIS, ASST. SEC., DEPT. OF TRADE, CALLED EMBOFF TO ADVISE THAT PARLIAMENTARY /DER SECRETARY FOR TRADE, CLINTON DAVIS, WILL BE RESPONDING FEB. 17 IN HOUSE OF COMMONS TO TWO PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS CONCERNING LAKER SKYTRAIN LICENSE. ONE OF QUESTIONS ASKS WHAT REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO /USG SINCE OCTOBER 1974 (WHEN QUESTIONING MP LAST ASKED ABOUT SKYTRAIN). DAVIS PLANS TO REPLY THAT IN LIGHT OF THE IMMINENT NEED FOR CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY TO REVIEW THE SKYTRAIN FARE AND THE LICENSE AS A WHOLE, FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN INAPPROPRIATE BUT USG WAS KEPT INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS. IF ASKED, DAVIS WILL SAY USG WAS INFORMED DEC. 13 WHEN UK EMBASSY REP MET WITH MEADOWS EB/OA AND ON FEB. 7 WHEN ECON MINISTER CORTAZZI CALLED ON DEPUTY ASST SECRETARY WALDMANN. DAVIS WILL NOT GO INTO WHAT WAS SAID DURING MEETINGS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND BRITISH AIRWAYS IS STUDYING FULL TRANSCRIPT OF CAA HEARING ON SKYTRAIN BUT HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER IT WILL APPEAL CAA DECISION. IF IT DECIDES TO APPEAL, BA WILL PROBABLY NOT ANNOUNCE ITS INTENTION UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE MARCH 4 DEADLINE FOR FILING APPEAL.

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